



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF IDAHO  
BOISE

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2007-02**

**ESTABLISHING THE IDAHO 25 x '25 RENEWABLE ENERGY COUNCIL  
REPEALING AND REPLACING EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-45**

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*WHEREAS, agriculture and forestry are an important part of Idaho's economy and heritage; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Idaho to utilize the natural resources of our State to increase our energy supply in an economically efficient and prudent manner; and*

*WHEREAS, the presence of an affordable, reliable and plentiful energy supply is critical for our state and national economy; and*

*WHEREAS, the development of renewable energy sources, including but not limited to bio-diesel, biomass, ethanol, methane digesters, wind power and solar, would be beneficial to farmers and rural communities by establishing additional markets for agricultural commodities, creating added-value for crop and livestock products and creating new job opportunities for Idahoans; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho's farms, ranches and forests can help Idaho and the nation to lessen dependence on foreign oil; and*

*WHEREAS, to this end, it is the goal of the State of Idaho that 25% of Idaho's energy needs be provided through renewable sources by the year 2025 from our farm, ranch, timber and other working lands, while continuing to produce abundant, safe and affordable agricultural products;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Idaho do hereby order the following:*

- 1. The establishment of Idaho 25 x '25 Renewable Energy Council (Council) as a cooperative effort between local, tribal, State and federal governments, as well as the for profit and not-for-profit private sectors.*
- 2. The purpose of the Council is to develop coordinated approaches that support the 25 x '25 initiative for Idaho's agricultural and forestry sectors to produce 25% of the State's energy requirements from renewable sources by the year 2025.*
- 3. The Council's responsibilities shall be:*
  - A. To provide policy direction and planning aimed at increasing the State of Idaho's infrastructure for production of renewable energy from agricultural and forestry sources.*
  - B. To improve cooperation, collaboration and information sharing among public and private sector entities in the area of renewable energy.*
  - C. To participate in and support the 25 x '25 Work Group.*
  - D. To further explore and define the overarching contribution agricultural and forestry sectors can make as renewable energy producers.*
  - E. To seek out new and innovative means to increase production of renewable energy in Idaho.*

4. *Membership shall include a representative from the Office of the Governor and the directors of the following State entities or their designees:*
  - A. *Department of Agriculture*
  - B. *Department of Environmental Quality*
  - C. *Department of Lands*
  - D. *Department of Water Resources*
  - E. *Department of Commerce and Labor*
  - F. *Idaho Transportation Department*
5. *Representatives and members of federal government, local government organizations, tribal governments, Idaho universities and private and not-for-profit organizations with an interest in the energy future of Idaho pertaining to renewable energy will be encouraged to participate.*
6. *Council members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.*
7. *Additional members may be added by the Governor at any time.*
8. *The Council shall meet at least twice annually. The chairman of the Council shall be the director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture or her representative.*
9. *The Council shall submit a report of its activities to the Governor and the Legislature annually.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter", with a large circular flourish at the end.

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C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa", with a large flourish at the end.

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BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE